



Standards & Assessment

CAHSEE Notes

California Department of Education

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Upcoming Material Ordering and Pre-ID Deadlines

Deadlines for test material orders and Pre-ID are listed below for the upcoming administrations of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE). All deadlines are at 5:00 p.m. CAHSEE administration questions should be directed to the Educational Testing Service (ETS) CAHSEE Support Center at 1-800-241-5687.

As a reminder, all grade ten students must take the CAHSEE in either the February or March census administrations. Grade ten students who are absent for their district's census administration may be offered a makeup opportunity in March or May.

2007–08 Apportionment Information Report Waiver Requests

If a district or charter school testing independently from its authorizer did not return a signed 2007–08 CAHSEE Apportionment Information Report to the California Department of Education (CDE) by the December 31, 2008, deadline, the district or charter school may apply for a waiver of the deadline to be approved by the State Board of Education (SBE). The CDE cannot release payment of the apportionment funding for late reports without a waiver approved by the SBE. The State Testing Apportionment Information Report Waiver form can be found on the CDE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/lr/wr/documents/december31.doc>. The general waiver

Administration	Test Material Ordering Deadline	Pre-ID Deadline	Late Pre-ID Deadline	Supplemental Shipment Deadline	Student Results Scheduled to Post
March 17-18, 2009	February 2	February 11	March 3	March 9	May 13
May 12-13, 2009	March 30	April 8	April 28	May 4	July 18

request to the SBE is a formal document and requires local board approval, a public hearing, and union participation as per *Education Code* Section 33050 et seq. The CDE mailed the 2007-08 CAHSEE apportionment reports to district superintendents and charter school administrators in September 2008. Accordingly, the CDE has processed reports that were received by the December 31 deadline, and payment will be forthcoming.

If you have questions regarding the waiver request process, please contact Judy Pinegar, Administrator, Waiver Office, at 916-319-0823 or by e-mail at jpinegar@cde.ca.gov. If you have questions regarding the CAHSEE Apportionment Information Report, please contact the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at cahsee@cde.ca.gov.

CAHSEE Instruction Study

As part of the independent evaluation of the CAHSEE, Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) will be conducting a survey of instruction. The purpose of this survey is to identify changes to high school instruction since 2005, when a similar survey was conducted. A representative sample of 400 high schools will be invited to participate. Separate online questionnaires will be completed by principals, mathematics and English-language arts department heads, teachers, and specialists in teaching students with disabilities and English learners. Participating schools will be contacted in February and will be expected to complete the surveys by the end of March.

HumRRO will be presenting the results of the study in its Annual Report to the CDE. For more information about the HumRRO study, contact Sheila Schultz at 703-706-5661 or at sschultz@humrro.org.

Update on Assembly Bill 2040

Assembly Bill 2040 (Nunez, 2008) added sections 60852.1 and 60852.2 to the California *Education Code*. This legislation requires the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) to recommend, and the SBE to select, members of a panel that will make recommendations regarding alternative means for eligible pupils with disabilities to demonstrate that they have achieved the level of academic achievement in the content standards in English-language arts or mathematics, or both, required for passing the CAHSEE.

The panel will be composed of educators and other individuals who have experience with pupils with disabilities. CDE and SBE staff are working together on the application process for selecting potential panel members. It is anticipated that the CDE will present the SSPI's list of recommended panelists during the May 2009 SBE meeting. The panel will make its findings and recommendations to the SSPI and to the SBE by October 1, 2009.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Jill Larson, Education Research and Evaluation Consultant, at 916-319-0331 or by e-mail at jl Larson@cde.ca.gov.

CAHSEE Web Page Update

The reorganization of the CDE CAHSEE Web page is nearing completion. Below are some of the recent revisions and additions that have been made.

- In link to the CAHSEE manuals has been added to the CDE CAHSEE Administrative Documents Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/admin.asp>.
- Translations of the “Notifying Parents and Guardians for the 2008-09 School Year” and “Reporting Individual Student Results for the 2008-09 School Year” have been added in ten languages (in addition to Spanish). These translations can be found under the heading “Assistance Packets and Brochures” on the CDE CAHSEE Program Resource Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp>.
- Legal updates, letters, and memorandums have been moved to a table and organized by topic in the CDE CAHSEE Program Notes and Legal Updates Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/updates.asp>.

If you need assistance finding documents on the CAHSEE Web pages, please contact the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at cahsee@cde.ca.gov. If you have suggestions regarding further revisions to the Web pages, please contact Bonnie Galloway at 916-323-8351 or by e-mail at bgalloway@cde.ca.gov.

More Information

Additional information about the CAHSEE is available on the CAHSEE Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/>. Questions about the CAHSEE can be directed to the CAHSEE Office at 916-445-9449 or by e-mail at cahsee@cde.ca.gov.